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National Park Service continues to manage the Roosevelt Fire on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – The National Park Service (NPS) continues to manage the Roosevelt Fire, a Wildland Fire Use fire, on the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park to accomplish resource objectives.

The Roosevelt Fire, a lightning-caused fire discovered July 19 on the Walhalla Plateau, is approximately 7 miles east of the North Rim developed area. The fire is approximately 70 acres and actively burning in ponderosa pine and mixed conifer. Smoke from the Roosevelt Fire may be visible from the air, the North Rim developed area, and various North and South Rim viewpoints.

A Fire Use Manager is currently managing the Roosevelt Fire. Grand Canyon National Park fire personnel and the nine-person Groveland Fire Use Module from the Stanislaus National Forest are monitoring fire behavior, weather and potential smoke impacts to surrounding areas.

Wildland Fire Use is a strategy that allows some lightning-caused fires to burn within a defined area, when weather and wind conditions are favorable, to benefit the park's natural resources. Wildland Fire Use is designed to mimic the lightning-caused fires that once occurred at Grand Canyon National Park by reducing dead forest fuel accumulations to ash, releasing soil nutrients, increasing habitat diversity, and creating a more sustainable ecosystem.

No area or road closures are currently in effect for this fire. Fire information for the Roosevelt Fire will only be updated if circumstances change significantly.

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